

Answers to Requirements

2. Leave No Trace helps Scouts understand that how they treat the land has lasting impacts. The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace are:

1. plan where they will camp
2. travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. dispose of waste properly
4. leave what you find
5. minimize campfire impacts
6. respect wildlife
7. be considerate of other visitors.

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult – Scouts or non-Scouts, Catholic or non-Catholic, American or International – all are welcome to participate in the program.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Will there be more International Activity Patches?

Yes. There will be new International Activity Patches after the 2023 World Scout Jamboree.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The order form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Who do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

International Scouting



**Laudato Si
Activity Patch**



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About This Activity

Laudato Si is the 2015 Encyclical letter of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, on Care For Our Common Home. Laudato Si means Praise to You and is part of the beautiful canticle of Saint Francis of Assisi. It reminds us that our common home, the Earth, is like a sister that we share our life with and our beautiful mother who welcomes us into her arms. We need to learn how to care for our common home and understand that how we treat our home reflects how we care for each other.

Requirements for Laudato Si Activity Patch

All – Read about this encyclical (http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html) and about St. Francis of Assisi (https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=50). Feel free to use other sources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete Requirements 1 through 3. Complete two Activities.

Youth 6th Grade and above – Complete Requirements 1 through 3, plus two other requirements. Complete three Activities.

Adults – Mentor two or more youth to earn the Laudato Si Patch

Requirements:

- 1) Read The Canticle of the Creatures
<http://franciscanseculars.com/the-canticle-of-the-creatures/>
- 2) How does the Canticle of the Creatures relate to “Leave no Trace” in Scouting?
- 3) Read about the Life of St. Francis of Assisi
https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=50
- 4) Read the creation story, Genesis 1:1-25
- 5) Read about Messengers of Peace
<https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/>
- 6) Read an article about a problem the world is facing such as pollution, climate change or water shortages. How can you make a positive impact on this problem?

Activities:

- 1) Read “A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation”. ([https://www.chausa.org/prayers/cha-prayer-library/prayer/a-christian-prayer-in-union-with-creation-\(from-laudato-si\)](https://www.chausa.org/prayers/cha-prayer-library/prayer/a-christian-prayer-in-union-with-creation-(from-laudato-si))) After reading, create your own prayer for creation.
- 2) After completing Requirement 1, make a poster that includes the elements of nature mentioned in the Canticle of the Creatures.
- 3) Read “A Prayer for Our Earth”
<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Aprayerforourearth.pdf> and discuss it with a parent or adult leader.
- 4) Read Genesis 1:26-30, 2:15 and 3:17-19 and discuss the responsibility that comes with having dominion over the earth.
- 5) With your family or Troop, take a walk around your neighborhood or park and collect trash that others have dropped. Discuss how this impacts our Common Home.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist youth with this International Scouting Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with youth about Laudato Si – Caring for our Common Home.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm their accuracy and to ensure understanding.

For more information about Laudato Si, check out the websites below.

- <https://www.usccb.org/offices/general-secretariat/laudato-si-care-our-common-home>
- <https://www.americamagazine.org/fait/2015/06/18/top-ten-takeaways-laudato-si>